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June 19, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Pruitt:

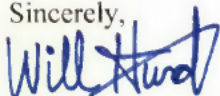
I am pleased to offer my support to VIA Metropolitan Transit's (VIA) request for \$2.5 million to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. The VIA project proposal is consistent with the objectives of this program. Favorable consideration by your office for this application would be greatly appreciated.

The grant funds will be used by VIA to support the much needed acquisition of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses for critical public transportation corridors. VIA's multi-year plan to purchase these clean-energy vehicles is designed to replace aging buses in its current fleet. The vehicles scheduled for replacement are at least 15 years old.

The agency's fleet expansion will reduce operating costs and allow the agency to carry out planned service enhancements. Replacing the oldest vehicles in our fleet with CNG buses will result in a significant emissions reduction for the region and furthers VIA's commitment to environmental sustainability. The use of CNG fuel will decrease fuel costs while contributing to a more sustainable community for future generations.

In 2016, VIA became the only public transit agency in the Southwestern United States to earn certification from the International Standards Organization (ISO) for its proactive efforts to provide sustainable service through its Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS). VIA is committed to being good stewards of the public environment, and public dollar, by investing in lasting impactful projects and programs. Support received from your department will help further the investment into the greater San Antonio community and continue to support economic prosperity within South Texas.

I appreciate your swift and thoughtful consideration for VIA Metropolitan Transit's (VIA) request to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. Should you have any questions please contact my office at 202-225-4511.

Sincerely,

WILL HURD
Member of Congress